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CATHOLIC CHURCH

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Mission Statement:

Our mission at St. John the Baptist Parish is to prepare people for the coming of the fullness of God's Kingdom by sharing the Catholic Faith and its tradition.

Parish Personnel

Fr. Dan Thelen, Pastor ..... 715-384-3252 ext. 2
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St. John School Office 715-384-4989
David Eaton, CCS President 715-387-1177
Mass Times..... 715-384-3252 ext. 1

Masses

Weekdays	7 a.m.
Saturdays	8 a.m. / 4: 30 p.m.
Sundays	7 a.m. / 9 a.m. / 11 a.m.

HEARING LOOP INSTALLED
Switch hearing aid to T-coil

Sacrament of Marriage

Arrangements must be made at least six months in advance.

Sacrament of Baptism

Expectant parents are to participate in the Baptism preparation program. Contact the parish office for details.

Sacrament of Penance

First & Third Fridays	6:00 p.m.
Saturdays	Following the 8:00 a.m. Mass

Sacrament of the Anointing of the Sick

Those preparing for serious surgery are to contact the Rectory Office at 715-384-3252.

Parish Membership

Call the Rectory Office at 715-384-3252

MASS SCHEDULE

MON 3/20/2023 St. Joseph, Spouse of the Blessed Virgin Mary
7:00am Otto & Carol Schecklman
Scripture Readings: 2 Sm 7:4-5a, 12-14a, 16 Rom 4:13, 16-18, 22
Lk 2:41-51a

TUES 3/21/2023
7:00am Marion Herkert
Scripture Readings: Ez 47:1-9, 12 Jn 5:1-16

WED 3/22/2023
7:00am Cherie Krier
8:00am **No Mass**
Scripture Readings: Is 49:8-15 Jn 5:17-30

THUR 3/23/2023 St. Turibius of Mogrovejo, Bishop
7:00am David Schlagenhaft
Scripture Readings: Ex 32:7-14 Jn 5:31-47

FRI 3/24/2023
7:00am Peggy Lindner
Scripture Readings: Wis 2:1a, 12-22 Jn 7:1-2, 10, 25-30

SAT 3/25/2023 The Annunciation of the Lord
8:00am Roger Kohlbeck
Scripture Readings: Is 7:10-14; 8:10 Heb 10:4-10
Lk 1:26-38

Fifth Sunday of Lent

4:30pm Eugene Zygarlicke

SUN 3/26/2023
7:00am Parishioners of St. John the Baptist parish
9:00am John & Betty Hartl
11:00am Lindsay Dick Zuelke
Scripture Readings: Ez 37:12-14 Rom 8:8-11
Jn 11:1-45

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LITURGICAL MINISTERS

March 25th & 26th, 2023

LECTORS
4:30pm Bryan Pischel
7:00am Jan Altmann
9:00am Lonny Roberts
11:00am Gayle Specht

EUCHARISTIC MINISTERS
4:30pm Susan Youngwith / Marty Draxler
7:00am Barbara Barrett / Jane Gerend
9:00am Dan & Dorothy Flees / Patty Kraus / Jill Hiller
11:00am John & Lori Salzmann

SERVERS
4:30pm Alex Burg / Scott Burg
7:00am Addison & Paige Schlagenhaft
9:00am Nathaniel, Maria & Jonathan Nemitz
11:00am Maria Elizabeth Garcia / Luis Villalba

MUSIC MINISTER
4:30pm Cindy Penker / Roni Steines-Mactan
7:00am Cindy Penker / Roni Steines-Mactan
9:00am Kris Herr / Adult Choir / 11:00am Cindy Penker

Weekday Mass Servers:

Monday -	David Gouin	**Thursday**	Lee Alt
Tuesday -	Dan Alsides	**Friday -**	Mike Spencer
Wednesday	Lenny Kieliszewski	**Saturday**	Kolbe & Dominic Landwehr

STEWARDSHIP - March 11th & 12th

Adult / Youth / Plate	$14,379.01
Parish Improvement	185.00
Total	$14,564.01
Total to date for March	$35,769.78

Prayer Vine ~ *Do you or someone you know need prayers?*
To have requests for prayer placed on the vine, please call Connie Manlick 715-305-6742 **and** Donna 715-384-2479 (there are 2 lists).

Stations of the Cross will be held at St. John's every Wednesday (except March 22nd) during Lent at 2:00pm (school children) and on Fridays at 5:15pm.
Servers for Friday, March 24th:
Addison & Paige Schlagenhaft / Open

Upcoming Parish Meetings: Finance Committee: Meet on Tuesday, March 21st at 6:30pm in St. Francis Hall in the school. Pastoral Council will meet March 28th at 6:30pm in the Columbia Rm.

A Threshold Bible Study: Jesus, The Word Made Flesh - Book of John - Chapters 11-21 - This Gospel study follows Jesus during his final week in Jerusalem. **Dates:** Tuesday, April 18th and runs for 6 weeks. **Location**: Bride's Room in St. John's beginning at 6:00pm. **Cost:** $15 for the study book. **To register** please call Carol Jonas at 715-676-3989 by April 11th.

Lenten Talk at St. John's March 22nd at 6pm. Deacon Marty Kulak will present his talk, *A Little Bit Goes a Long Way: Introducing Jesus through the spiritual works of mercy"* in the Columbia room. A light supper will be offered beginning at 5:30pm. Join us as we continue our way through Lent with these informative and inspiring talks!

Banquete Fantástico – Enjoy a fantastic banquet and support the World Youth Day pilgrims Sun., Apr. 23rd with cocktails starting at 4:30pm. The Rembs Celebration Center will be decorated in exquisite fashion with our wait staff in formal attire serving a delicious feast. Tickets are $65/person. The evening will include a lively dessert auction and special guests that will ensure an evening to remember. For more information contact Dan Kitzhaber 715-600-0521 or drkitzhaber@gmail.com

MARSHFIELD PARISH PULL
PULLING OUR COMMUNITY TOGETHER

MARK YOUR CALENDAR ~ SAVE THE DATE

10th Annual Marshfield Parish Pull
Friday, July 14, 2023
Gates Open: 5:00PM Pull Begins: 7:00PM
Check back for more information & opportunities to volunteer.

PARISH LENTEN RECONCILIATION SCHEDULE
Every Friday during Lent at St. John's beginning at 6:00pm
And every Saturday morning following the 8:00am Mass
(Two priests will be available)

DEANERY-WIDE CONFESSIONS

Sunday, March 26th at Our Lady of Peace
(12:30pm - 5:00pm)

Holy Week Confessions
April 3 / April 5 / April 6
Noon until 1pm

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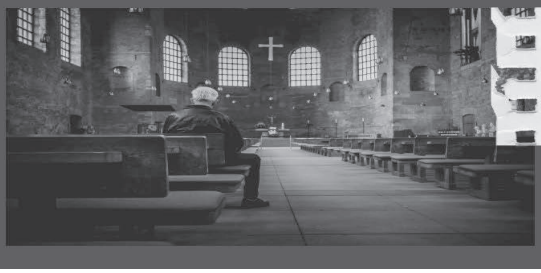
LEADING OTHERS TO THE EUCHARIST



"A Little Bit Goes a Long Way"
with Deacon Marty Kulak.
The event will be at 6 PM on
March 22nd at SJB.

Scan with a smart phone camera for more information

FROM THE PASTOR'S DESK

Dear Parishioners: There is a common expression, "God doesn't call the equipped, he equips the called." This is a loose translation of a biblical verse found in 1 Cor 1:28. During this Lent I am continuing to urge each of you to make the leap of faith and assist in one of the many activities in our parish. I do this out of some self-interest. In the past 18 months our diocese has lost a total of 8 priests. In order for myself and our other active priests to remain strong, we need the lay faithful to take initiative in areas of the Gospel.

A few weeks ago, I provided a list of activities we have in our parish. It is very important that you take this list seriously. Do you have the time to do one of the activities? Do you have the ability to join a group within the parish? If you are a caretaker, in poor health, or a parent with young children – this plea is not directed toward you. However, other defenses such as, "I'd do that but ...." or "I don't have enough ..." are not valid excuses.

Msgr. Gilles, shared in Auburndale a few weeks ago that our life can be symbolized by a circle. Remaining in our circle is comfortable. Stepping out of this circle is scary. However, when you don't hold back, God will bless you. During this Lent I continue to ask you to listen to that voice within you. It may sound dramatic, but what you decide to do today will affect people decades and centuries into the future. Likewise, what you decide not to do today will also impact people for decades and centuries. Take the call to service in the church seriously. God will bless you.

This week I ask you to strongly consider joining in a liturgical ministry within our parish: Usher, Lector, Sacristan, Extraordinary Minister of Communion. I hope to start offering the Precious Blood at least at one of our Masses during the Easter Season. To facilitate this, we will need more individuals to step forward and serve as Extraordinary Ministers of Communion. If you would like to serve in this role, or in any other role within the liturgy, please come to a meeting at 6pm on either March 27 or April 10. If these dates don't work, please call our office and let us know that you are interested in helping.

Your apostolate within the church is a radiation of your holiness. May your season of Lent be fruitful. Jesus will stretch you, but he will also bless you. Let Jesus do His work in you!

Blessings to each of you. May St. John the Baptist pray for us. Fr. Thelen

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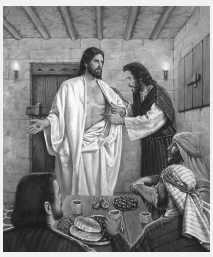
EUCHARISTIC REVIVAL

Fourth Week of Lent - A Minute With Jesus

Spend time in Jesus' Presence and you will come to know that You have been with Him.

The desire to strengthen our faith requires some action on our part. It helps to go to the Church and spend time, with the mindset that Jesus is there. Take your problems and speak with Jesus. Even if you leave without anything seemingly having happened, you will gradually come to know Jesus is indeed there. Let's pray this right now and every day this week:

Lord, help me to spend a few minutes and talk with You in Church.



This week, read how Jesus appears to Thomas who was not present when He first appeared to the Apostles after His Resurrection. Thomas, when He does see Jesus, falls before Him and says "My Lord and My God"
John 20:19-29

St. Joseph's Feast Day ~ March 20th

As we come upon this feast day, we remember that one of the disciplines of Lent is to give alms to the poor. We will have a monetary collection only from March 18th through March 26th to help families of our parish as well as those in the community. You will find a display with envelopes for this collection on the round table as you enter church. Please make checks out to St. John's. Money collected will be used to purchase gift cards from the gift card program.

La Verna Region of the Secular Franciscans are having their central district gathering on Saturday, March 25th from 9am to 3:30PM right here at St. John's in the Columbia Room. There is a light breakfast and lunch for $20 and a full day of speakers on the Franciscan way of life. This a great opportunity right in our own parish. All are welcome to learn more about Secular Franciscans. Please call or text Lori Kieffer, OFS at 715-741-2959. If you can't come the full day, perhaps you could come part of the day. The rule and life of the Secular Franciscan is to observe the gospel of our Lord following the footsteps of St. Francis of Assisi.

Undone: A Healing the Whole Person Retreat for Women, will be presented by the John Paul II Healing Center at St. Alphonsus Parish in Greendale, WI March 30th - April 1st. The weekend includes teachings on feminine identity (daughter, sister, bride, mother) which are rooted in the teachings of the Catholic Church, Scripture, Theology of the Body, and the personal testimonies of the presenters. Adoration, time for prayer, Confession, worship, optional small group discussion, interactive and guided meditation, and much more. Visit archmil.org/HWP-Undone for details.

Holy Week, Abortion, and the Wisconsin Supreme Court Race
The PBS Wisconsin headline on Feb. 22 got right to the point: "National debate over abortion turns to Wisconsin Supreme Court race." It was referring to the election that will take place on April 4. It is ironic that this debate – about whether Wisconsin law should continue to protect the lives of unborn children, as it currently does – will culminate in a State Supreme Court election that falls between the Feast of the Annunciation (March 25), when Jesus became Incarnate in the womb of Mary, and Good Friday (April 7), when he was put to death on the Cross. Media coverage of the two Supreme Court candidates and their philosophies is widespread, and abortion has been the constant focal point. Our challenge is to inform ourselves. And then, as we cast our vote on April 4, Tuesday of Holy Week – let us cherish the fact that Jesus himself took on flesh as a tiny, vulnerable child in the womb of Mary, so that one day, on the Cross of Calvary, he might rescue us from darkness and sin.

The May - August Schedules for Lectors and Communion Ministers and Youth Servers will soon be finalized. If you need to make changes or no of dates that don't work, please email mjgouin@frontier.com. This schedule will be completed soon.

The Society of St. Vincent De Paul of Marshfield would like to thank all the parishioners for their generous donations during the recent hygiene drive. These donations will go to our friends and neighbors in need in Marshfield and surrounding communities. Again, thank you for your generous donations.

If you or someone you know find yourselves in need, please contact the St. Vincent De Paul Outreach by telephone (715) 387-0395, or email SVDPMFLDoutreach@outlook.com

Respectively,
Lonny Roberts, President St. John's SVDP Conference

Lenten Fish Frys and Dinners

Knights of Columbus Fish Boil & Fish Fry: Friday March 31st at the Colby Lions Shelter. Serving from 4:30pm - 7pm.

Shrimp & Fish Fry: St. Mary's, Auburndale on March 24th & April 7th. Call 715-652-2747 to place an order after 1pm on Friday.

Grilled Pork Chop Dinner (Drive-thru) at St. Michael's, Junction City on Sunday, March 26th. Serving from 10:30am - 1pm. Cash raffle calendars available.

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